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CYSTOSCOPY AND UROGRAPHY. Second Edition. By J. B. McAlpine, F.R.C.S., Hon. Surgeon and Surgeon in charge of the Genito-Urinary Dept., Salford Royal Hospital, Manchester. John Wright & Sons, Ltd., Bristol; Simpkin Marshall Ltd., London, 1936. Pp. 478. Price 30s.

NINE years have passed since the appearance of the first edition of this book, and nine years in the history of urology is a long time. Many advances have been made in that time, for example, the introduction of intravenous urography. The publication of a new edition of what has proved a successful work was therefore necessary. To it have been added six new chapters, on pelvic resorption, excretion urography, pyeloscopy, vesical fistula, funnel-neck bladder and congenital abnormalities of the kidney and ureter.

Cystoscopy has become almost a routine examination in the investigation of most urinary problems. The cystoscope is as essential an instrument in the diagnostic armoury of the urologist as the ophthalmoscope is in that of the ophthalmic surgeon. Indeed, its use is no longer confined to the specialist, for a general surgeon who is not *au fait* with the technique of the cystoscope is as handicapped as a physician who is unable to examine the retina of a patient suffering from intractable headache. Yet there must be a large number of surgeons whose opportunities for using the cystoscope do not occur with sufficient frequency to make them skilled in its employment. Their mistakes in difficult cases are usually trifling, but sufficient to shipwreck their efforts. For this reason, there is a very real need for an English work on cystoscopy, and Mr. McAlpine has supplied it. His first care was to secure the help of an artist who could faithfully reproduce cystoscopic appearances; such artists are rare, but fortunately he was able to induce Mr. Thornton Shields to make journeys from London to Manchester whenever he had suitable material for illustration. Mr. Thornton Shields' reputation in the medical profession is sufficiently high to guarantee the accuracy and excellence of the plates with which this book is profusely illustrated. In the new edition many fresh illustrations have been added, more particularly in the chapters dealing with excretion urography.

We can recommend strongly McAlpine's "Cystoscopy and Urography" to all who are called upon to carry out these investigations in their practices.

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